

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A refuse bin comprising ~~having~~ a receptacle for ~~which contains~~ a garbage bag and ~~having~~ at least one ring which can be placed onto an upper edge of the receptacle ~~and is used~~ for fixing the garbage bag in place, the ring ~~is~~ secured in a latching manner on the receptacle in the upper edge region thereof, ~~wherein~~ the ring having ~~has~~ two vertical, parallel ring legs, the inner ring leg being situated on the inside of the receptacle and the outer ring leg being situated on the outside of the receptacle further comprising at least one latching region formed in a ring leg which can be connected in a frictional or form-fitting manner to an upper section of the receptacle.

2. (Currently Amended) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receptacle ~~(11)~~ is an inner bucket for a trash container.

3. (Previously Presented) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the garbage bag is fastened in such a manner to the receptacle by means of the ring which is placed on it so that it is concealed to the outside by the ring.

4. (Previously Presented) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein a hoop is attached to the ring and can be ~~is~~ used to lift up the receptacle.

5. Cancelled

6. (Currently Amended) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 1 5, wherein the at least one latching region comprises a tongue

~~formed in the outer ring leg which is resiliently elastic approximately in the radial direction.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 6, wherein the tongue is formed by two incisions in the outer ring leg ~~ring has incisions laterally next to a resiliently elastic tongue of the latching region.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A refuse bin comprising a receptacle for a garbage bag and at least one ring which can be placed onto an upper edge of the receptacle for fixing the garbage bag in place, the ring secured in a latching manner on the receptacle in the upper edge region thereof, the ring having two vertical, parallel ring legs, the inner ring leg being situated on the inside of the receptacle and the outer ring leg being situated on the outside of the receptacle ~~The refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein a step is formed on the receptacle at a distance below the upper edge, and a latching region of the ring snaps over the this step when being latched into place.~~

9. (Previously Presented) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 8, wherein the receptacle has, in the region of the step, an undercut which is situated radially further inward.

10. (Previously Presented) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 9, wherein the latching region has in the lower end region, an angled section which is directed radially inward and snaps over the step into the undercut.

11. (Currently Amended) A refuse bin having a receptacle which contains a garbage bag and having at least one ring which can be placed onto an upper edge of the receptacle and is used for fixing the garbage bag in place, the ring is secured in a latching manner on the receptacle in the upper edge region thereof, wherein

the ring has two vertical, parallel ring legs, the inner ring leg being situated on the inside of the receptacle and the outer ring leg being situated on the outside of the receptacle, The refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least partially annular, concentric, upwardly protruding ring ribs are formed on the upper side of the ring and the hoop can be deposited between them.

12. (Previously Presented) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein an outer ring leg and an inner ring leg are connected by a web which connects them and runs at right angles to them and is situated on the upper edge of the receptacle when the ring is placed on it.

13. (Previously Presented) The refuse bin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ring has a web-like, approximately horizontal supporting region for a lid of the refuse bin.